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SHHHH! — However well the Central Intelligence Agency is doing in gathering information, it is far from enthusiastic about releasing it, according to congressional sources. The CIA has one of the biggest backlogs of requests under the Freedom of Information Act of any governmental agency. In fact, the critics complain, the only government bureau that comes close to the CIA's institutional reticence is the FBI. The only mystifying aspect of all this is why the people on Capitol Hill should think this is mystifying.

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